I wish to strongly state my opinion, as an information technology professional and also as a professional musician (content producer), OPPOSING any new mandates requiring consumer electronics devices to somehow prevent digital copying.

I therefore respond with a strong "NO" to the question:

"Should the FCC mandate that consumer electronics devices recognize and give effect to the broadcast flag..."

I already use DAT (digital audio tape) in producing my own personal audio, and my own personal work is already hampered, by complications involving the "SCMS" (Serial Copy Management System" which was added to consumer DAT devices, years ago.

So I do NOT want anything similar added to consumer devices for any other kind of content, because it will interfere with my work in the future.